

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 430

S.P. 169

In Senate, February 6, 1995

**An Act to Prohibit State Legislative Employees from Using State Time
or Property for Campaigning.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BEGLEY of Lincoln, CARPENTER of York, HALL of Piscataquis, KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, BIGL of Bucksport, CARLETON of Wells, JOYCE of Biddeford, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, WHITCOMB of Waldo, WINSOR of Norway.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §§170, 170-A and 170-B** are enacted to read:

6 **§170. Legislative Council employees; restricted activities**

8 Partisan legislative employees who assume active roles in
10 campaigns shall either limit their activities to evenings and
12 weekends or take leave to pursue these activities if they occur
14 during the Legislature's regular business day, which is 8 a.m. to
16 5 p.m. This includes fund raising for campaign efforts as well
18 as other activities that are directly related to election or
20 reelection efforts.

22 **§170-A. Use of legislative equipment and resources**

24 Legislative employees may use the computer system,
26 telephones, copying machines and other equipment only for the
28 express purpose of performing work related to their legislative
30 employment.

32 **§170-B. Display of campaign materials in the State House**

34 Campaign materials for current candidates may not be
displayed anywhere in the State House, including the leadership
offices.

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill prohibits partisan legislative employees from
32 participating in campaigns during working hours. The bill also
34 restricts all legislative employees from using equipment for
anything other than work-related matters and prohibits the
display of campaign materials for current candidates.